

What is claimed is:

1. An image registration system comprising a first client device and a server which can communicate with each other, wherein

5 said first client device comprises
 first image data transmission means for transmitting to
said server image data to be registered, and
 the server comprises

10 image data receiving means for receiving the image data
transmitted from said first image data transmission means in
said first client device,

15 image data generation means for generating image data
representing the same image as an image represented by the image
data received by said image data receiving means and having a
different form of representation therefrom, and

image data storage means for storing the image data
generated by said image data generation means so as to be
accessible.

2. The image registration system according to claim 1,
20 wherein

 said server and a second client device can communicate
with each other,

 said image data generation means in the server generating
image data representing an image which can be outputted by the
25 second client device.

3. The image registration system according to claim 2,
wherein

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said second client device comprises
 request data transmission means for transmitting to said
 server request data representing a request to transmit the
 image data stored in said image data storage means, and

5 the server comprises

 request data receiving means for receiving the request
 data transmitted from the request data transmission means in
 the second client device,

10 image data retrieval means responsive to the request data
 received by said request data receiving means for finding from
 the image data storage means the image data suitable for image
 output by the second client device which has transmitted said
 request data out of the image data stored in the image data
 storage means in the server, and

15 second image data transmission means for transmitting to
 the second client device the image data found by said image data
 retrieval means.

4. The image registration system according to claim 3,
 wherein

20 said server further comprises

 number-of-requests counting means for incrementing the
 number of transmission requests issued by said second client
 device in response to the fact that the request data has been
 received by said request data receiving means,

25 said image data generation means in the server generating
 image data representing the image represented by the image data
 received by the image data receiving means in the server and

suitable for the image output by the second client device in response to the fact that the counted number by the number-of-requests counting means has reached a predetermined number.

5 5. The image registration system according to claim 3, wherein

 said server comprises a first server and a second server which can communicate with said second client device,

10 said first server comprising said image data receiving means and said request data receiving means,

 said second server comprising said image data generation means, said image data storage means, and said second image data transmission means.

15 6. The image registration system according to claim 3, wherein

 said server comprising a first server which can communicate with the second client device and a second server which can communicate with the first server,

20 said first server comprising said image data receiving means, said request data receiving means, said second image data transmission means,

 said second server comprising said image data generation means, said image data storage means, and said image data retrieval means.

25 7. An image registration server which can communicate with a client device, comprising:

 image data receiving means for receiving image data

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transmitted from said client device;

image data generation means for generating image data representing the same image as an image represented by the image data received by said image data receiving means and having a different form of representation therefrom; and

image data storage means for storing the image data generated by said image data generation means so as to be accessible.

8. An image transmission server which can communicate with a client device, comprising:

image data generation means for generating image data representing the same image as an image represented by fed image data and having a different form of representation therefrom;

image data storage means for storing the image data generated by said image data generation means so as to be accessible;

request data receiving means for receiving request data representing a request to transmit the image data stored in said storage means;

image data retrieval means responsive to the request data received by said request data receiving means for finding from the storage means the image data suitable for image output by the client device which has transmitted the request data out of the image data stored in the storage means in the server;

and

image data transmission means for transmitting to the client device the image data found by said image data retrieval

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means.

9. In an image registration server which can communicate with a client device, an image registering method comprises the steps of:

5 receiving image data transmitted from said client device;
generating image data representing the same image as an image represented by the received image data and having a different form of representation therefrom; and
storing the generated image data so as to be accessible.

10 10. In an image transmission server which can communicate with a client device, an image transmitting method comprises the steps of:

generating image data representing the same image as an image represented by fed image data and having a different form 15 of representation;

storing the generated image data so as to be accessible;
receiving request data representing a request to transmit the stored image data;

finding the image data suitable for image output by the 20 client device which has transmitted the request data out of the stored image data in response to the received request data; and
transmitting to the client device the found image data.